



# City of Milwaukee

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## Meeting Minutes

### LICENSES COMMITTEE

**ALD. JOCASTA ZAMARRIPA, CHAIR**  
**Ald. Lamont Westmoreland, VICE-CHAIR**  
**Ald. Scott P. Spiker, Ald. Andrea M. Pratt, and Ald. Peter Burgelis**

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Thursday, March 6, 2025

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, Third Floor, City Hall

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*The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am*

**Present** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, Burgelis

1. [241706](#) Motion relating to the recommendations of the Licenses Committee relating to licenses.

**Sponsors:** THE CHAIR

03 CURRAN, Tyler T, Agent for "EIGHTBIRDS LLC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises Licenses Application Requesting Instrumental Musicians, Disc Jockey, Bands, Magic Shows, Battle of the Bands, Poetry Readings, Comedy Acts, Dancing by Performers, Patrons Dancing and 6 Concerts/Yr for "PRAIRIE SPRINGS ON PARK" at 1420 E PARK PI.

*The applicant was present along with Ramsey Renno (stockholder).*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Zamarripa said that the application will be held until the new alderperson comes to the office.*

*The applicant said that they were aware of the matter since they filed the application back in November but wants to know if it is possible to have a special permit to host a soft opening with the Urban Ecology Center and its donors given their business record and history with the city.*

*There were no neighbors present to testify.*

*Ald. Westmoreland moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

03 DAREDDY, Chandrakanth R, Agent for "GANESHA VENTURES LLC", Extended Hours Establishments and Food Dealer Licenses Application Requesting to Close at 3:30AM Everyday for "The Gallery Food Hall" at 2335 N MURRAY Av.

*The applicant was present along with Vikas Raavi (stockholder).*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Burgelis said that he would like to differ the extended hours application to the new alderperson in order to hold a neighborhood meeting as customary.*

*The applicant asked if it is possible to consider the food license application.*

*Ms. Lopez said that the premises is currently operating and that the applicant is taking over.*

*Ald. Westmoreland asked the applicant if they have a deadline agreement with the current owner.*

*The applicant said that there is not a specific date but that at the end of April would be a burden on them.*

*Ald. Zamarripa said that the committee would be considering the food license application and that the applicant would need to close by 12am.*

*The applicant agreed.*

*There were no neighbors present to testify.*

*Ald. Burgelis moved to amend the hours of operations of the food license application to close at 12 am. There were no objections.*

*Ald. Burgelis moved to hold the Extended Hours Premises application to the call of the chair and approval of the Food Dealer license as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

03 GRIFFIN, Tyseria N, Agent for "Girl Power LLC", Class B Tavern and Extended Hours Establishments Licenses Application for "The Seafood Shack Restaurant" at 2336 N Farwell Av.

*The applicant was present and said that this business is her second location and that she has put an application for alcohol and to stay open later on Fri and Sat. She also mentioned that the license that she received said that she could be open until 4am. She added that her location in South Milwaukee is a full restaurant bar as well.*

*There were no neighbors present to testify.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Pratt asked for the hours of operation at her South Milwaukee location.*

*The applicant said that she closes at midnight.*

*Ald. Zamarripa said that this application will be held until the new alderperson comes to the office.*

*Ald. Westmoreland moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

03 COLE, Jordan Z, Agent for "NORTH 48° MKE CRUST & CRAFT LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Application Requesting Disc Jockey, Bands, Patrons Dancing and 4 Amusement Machines for "NORTH 48° MKE CRUST & CRAFT" at 1716 N Arlington Pl.

*Ald. Zamarripa said that it is her understanding that the applicant withdrew the applications.*

*Ms. Lopez confirmed.*

*No action needed.*

**NOT ACTED ON**

*03 DRIES, Donald R, Agent for "DRIES ENTERPRISES, LLC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Application Requesting Instrumental Musicians, Jukebox, Bands, Karaoke, Patron Contests, Patrons Dancing and 5 Amusement Machines for "DONNIE'S BAR" at 1686 N VAN BUREN St.*

*The applicant was present along with Atty. Maistelman and said that they are aware that the application could be held.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Zamarripa said that there are some objections on file and that the new alderperson must do the proper diligences.*

*Atty. Maistelman said that the neighbors requested to have a full kitchen and that they have filed an amendment today with a change of floor plan.*

*Ms. Lopez said that the Brady Street Association submitted a letter "not in support".*

*Individuals in support:*

*Turnell - 6179 N 37th St – said that Angelo's brought a different vibe with live music and that he, as a musician needs spaces like this one.*

*Samantha Smith - 830 E Keefe St – she said that she is also for supporting local artists and live music. She added that this building is historical and that even Sinatra sang in there.*

*Atty. Maistelman said that he understands the reason to hold the application until the new alderperson comes and that his client has experience in the industry.*

*Ald. Westmoreland moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

*03 KASTMAN, Mary E, Agent for "Athelas LLC", Class B Tavern and Food Dealer Licenses Application for "Purslane" at 1749-1751 N FARWELL Av.*

*The applicant was present and said that she is a culinary expert with 20 years of experience who has traveled extensively. She also said that her plan is to have food with Mediterranean and Turkish influence and that she will keep the same atmosphere as the current operator. She added that she was planning to open at the end of April, that she is paying rent already and has no revenue.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Zamarripa mentioned that the letter in support from the Brady St. Association is on file.*

*Ald. Burgelis asked if it is possible for her to get started with the food license only.*

*The applicant said that she would like to have the business plan altogether but that she would take the food in the meantime.*

*Ald. Burgelis said that this establishment is open at the moment and that he does not see an issue with the committee taking action on the food license application.*

*The applicant said that the Brady St. Association held a neighborhood meeting this Tuesday and that there were no objections.*

*Ald. Westmoreland said that it could be that the new alderperson does not want a liquor license there and that the applicant must consider it as well.*

*There were no neighbors present to testify.*

*Ald. Burgelis moved to hold the Class B Tavern license application to the call of the chair and approval of the Food Dealer license. There were no objections. (Prevailed*

5-0)

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

09 BROWN, Cancer, Agent for "KITCHEN 11 ELEVEN LLC", Class B Tavern and Food Dealer Licenses Application for "KITCHEN 11 ELEVEN" at 6800 W Brown Deer Rd.

*The applicant was present and said that she is looking to have a place where people can bring their children and grandparents.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Taylor said she sat down with the applicant to discuss the things that she wants to see at her district and that the applicant agreed. She also said that the applicant should have filed an amendment with the changes discussed.*

*Ms. Lopez said that the amendment is on file.*

*There were no neighbors present to testify.*

*Ald. Pratt moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

05 HUSSAIN, Kabir, Agent for "USRA FOOD, INC", Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Renewal Application for "BURLEIGH CITGO" at 9109 W BURLEIGH St. (Expires 4/11/2025)

*The applicant was not present.*

*Ald. Spiker moved to hold the application to the call of the chair upon first nonappearance. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

*Ald. Westmoreland moved to reconsider the application at 1:26pm. There were no objections.*

*The applicant was present who said that he just came back to the country and that he had no idea that he needed to be here.*

*Atty. Gresham said that the applicant must waive his right to notice and also wants him to understand that there are materials attached to the notice that need to be reviewed.*

*Ms. Lopez showed the applicant the notice packet.*

*The applicant asked to proceed.*

*Ms. Lopez said that the objection on file is regarding illegal gambling machines and that MPD had verified that the machines are gone.*

*Ald. Westmoreland said that his only concern is about a person who is living inside a vehicle in the premises.*

*The applicant said that they got that vehicle out.*

*Ald. Westmoreland asked the applicant to work with the business next door on issues like this that affects everyone.*

*The applicant agreed.*

*Ald. Westmoreland moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

12 ORTEGA, Carilyn E, Agent for "Los Taqueros LLC", Food Peddler License Renewal Application for "Mexi-Cali Grill" at 1117 W LINCOLN Av. (Expired 1/23/2025)

*The applicant was present.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Perez said that there are objections on file based on trash and overflow and that he would like to have few things on record.*

*Ald. Perez asked the applicant how many food licenses operates at this base.*

*The applicant answered "two".*

*Ald. Perez asked for how many years she has been in the business.*

*The applicant said that about seven years.*

*Ald. Perez asked if they have been received objections before.*

*The applicant said that they have and that they are adding another pick up garbage day because they are frustrated as well.*

*Ald. Perez asked the applicant to contact his neighbors because this location/building is becoming a problem.*

*Ald. Perez said that they are asking everyone who uses this base to cooperate.*

*Ald. Burgelis moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

12 ANTONIO PEREZ, Lucia, Agent for "Tacos Guelaguetza LLC", Food Dealer and Food Peddler Licenses Renewal Application for "Tacos Guelaguetza LLC" at 1039 W National Av. (Expires 4/19/2025)

*The applicant appeared with Pauline Bell as interpreter.*

*Individuals in objection:*

*Carly Hegarty – MHD – said that this applicant has been operating for years now, that one of the vehicles was found operating without running water and that they were ordered to cease operations. She added that they received a citation for a second offense.*

*Sgt. Velasquez said that the citation's arrangement is for March 20, 2025.*

*Ald. Zamarripa said that it is important to highlight that food trucks must have running water during the cold months and that they must invest to make it happen.*

*Ald. Perez asked Ms. Hegarty what is the recommendation from MHD.*

*Ms. Hegarty said that a warning letter file would be fine.*

*There were no neighbors present to testify.*

*Ald. Spiker asked the applicant if the situation has been corrected.*

*The applicant said that the trucks have been repaired.*

*Ald. Spiker asked if MHD is able to confirm what the applicant said.*

*Ms. Hegarty said that it is on file.*

*Ald. Zamarripa asked the applicant why she did not call the police when she was the victim of a robbery.*

*The applicant said that there were three food trucks that were robbed and that other operation made the call.*

*Ald. Zamarripa said that she has to call no matter of what.*

*The applicant said that she has told her staff to call her or to call the police directly in case of an emergency.*

*Ald. Perez said that he recommends renewal with a warning letter.*

*Ald. Pratt moved approval with a warning letter. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

12 RODRIGUEZ ALVAREZ, Javier, Agent for "JR SCRAP METAL RECYCLING LLC", Recycling, Salvaging, or Towing Premises License Application Requesting Removing and/or Recycling Junk/Valuable Metal as agent for "Jr. Rodriguez" at 717 S 10TH St.

*The applicant was present along with Sam Dawson as interpreter.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Zamarripa asked why the applicant was operating without a license according to the police report.*

*The applicant said that he was not aware that he needed a license after the DNS inspector told him that he was good to go with the occupancy permit. He added that he came right away to file the application after the police conducted the follow up.*

*Ald. Perez said that the applicant is here because he is buying/selling/loading/uploading and that the occupancy permit is not for that.*

*Individuals in objections:*

*Lauren Cardenas – said that they reside at the house across and that the applicants' transactions are done outside the one car garage of his premises. She added that the applicant also uses the lot next door, the sidewalk, that there are two trailers parked outside at all times, that there are noises all the time. She pointed out that a fire broke at this garage, that she called the Fire Department and that the applicant did not answered the door to the FD.*

*Ald. Perez asked Ms. Cardenas if she has seen any activity prior yesterday.*

*Ms. Cardenas said that she has seen activity loading/uploading.*

*Ald. Perez said for the record that the applicant told him that he has been closed since the last hearing.*

*Ald. Burgelis asked if she has seen the applicant salvaging vehicles.*

*Ms. Cardenas said that the applicant owns a red truck and that she sees him bringing customers in as well.*

*Ald. Perez said that the house itself has no occupancy and that this operation is conducted from the attached garage that DNS approved for occupancy.*

*The applicant said that he is not operating there, that what happens is that his customers stop by and that he asks them to go to his other vendors.*

*Ald. Perez said that the problem is that he got an occupancy permit and that the activity is causing problems in the neighborhood.*

*Ald. Burgelis said that he does not believe that argument because the application was filed in June, that it is March, and that his clients would have known by now that he is not operating from there.*

*Ald. Perez said that the neighbor's testimony is vital and recommends denial of this license.*

*The applicant said that he would do anything that he is asked for in order to do things right.*

*Ald. Burgelis moved denial based upon the preponderance of the applicant, aldermanic and neighborhood testimony. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-1)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 4 - Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 1 - Zamarripa

14 ZAPOT MENDOZA, Gabriela, Agent for "Karina's Pizza LLC", Class B Tavern and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application with Change of Hours From Opening 12PM

*Sun, 8AM Mon, Wed - Sat and Closing 9PM Sun, 10PM Mon, Wed and Thu and 11PM Fri - Sat; To Open at 6AM and Close at 12AM Everyday for "Karina's Pizza" at 2952 S 13TH St. (Expires 4/15/2025)*

*The applicant was present along with Sam Dawson as interpreter.*

*The applicant said that she is applying for the change of hours per customer's request.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ms. Williams (LAS for Ald. Dimitrijevic) said that this location held longer hours in the past and that there were issues with loud music and patrons.*

*Ms. Lopez said that the calls to the police are reflected on 2021 and was noticed on the 2021 renewal form.*

*The applicant said that the noise complaints are not related to her business.*

*Ms. Lopez read the police report regarding the incidences that Ms. Williams mentioned.*

*Ms. Williams said that Ald. Dimitrijevic has no problems with the food license but that she is not in support of the change of hours due the proximity with the neighbors.*

*Ald. Dimitrijevic said that the change of hours is not needed in the neighborhood and asked that the application be amended with the current hours.*

*The applicant agreed to maintain the current hours because she does not want to have problems with the neighbors.*

*Ald. Pratt moved to amend the application back to the current hours of operation.*

*There were no objections.*

*There were no neighbors present to testify.*

*Ald. Pratt moved approval as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

**14 JIMERSON, Desmond, Agent for "DDJ MGMT LLC", Food Dealer License Renewal Application for "Patty Shack WI" at 2121 S Kinnickinnic Av #8. (Expired 10/15/2024)**

*The applicant was present and said that the first incident on the police report was about an ex-employee who appeared intoxicated claiming that he was owed some money and that the second item was an honest mistake; that he forgot to pull his gun out of his bag while traveling. He added that he has a concealed carry permit.*

*Individuals in objection:*

*Andrea Rodriguez – said that she had a bad experience at this location where she was denied service after she paid and waited patiently for her order. She added that they were treated unfair and were told to never come back.*

*Ald. Spiker asked the witness if she has the name of the manager that she talked to.*

*Ms. Rodriguez said that she did not want to wait, that it was not worth it because she was with her daughter.*

*Ald. Dimitrijevic said that this business is before the committee because Ms. Rodriguez's objection and that MHD checked the business as well.*

*Ald. Spiker asked the applicant if he was the one who interacted with the witness.*

*The applicant said that it was his general manager and the he still works there.*

*Ald. Westmoreland asked to see the videos that were noticed.*

*Ald. Westmoreland asked what was the outcome of the MHD's visit.*

*Ald. Dimitrijevic said that the result was that the raw meet was handled properly.*

*The applicant said that the he has 18 years in the business and that he has been at this location for 18 months and that he trains his staff to be respectful to all customers. He added that this is not a race issue, that he is dark skin as well, that he employees a diverse staff and that it is not fair that his business and reputation be*

*damaged by the witness like she did on Facebook.*

*Ald. Burgelis moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

14 BARNETT, Peter A, Agent for "Dollar Tree Stores Inc", Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Renewal Application for "Dollar Tree # 4823" at 3555 S Howell Av. (Expires 3/22/2025)

*Atty. Wroblewski appeared on behalf of the applicant and indicated that Justin Hampton (District Manager) is here as well.*

*Atty. Wroblewski said that it is unfortunate to have one item on the police report when the goal is to not have anything.*

*Neighbors in objection:*

*Colin Gazinski 3555 S Howell Av – said that he is a resident, taxpayer and business owner in Milwaukee and that this store has been neglected with ongoing building violations and safety hazards for customers and neighbors. He added that it is unacceptable the way this business continues operating and that the corporation does not care about the community. He said that he is tired of seeing all the garbage from his window, that he has had the manager's phone number on speed dial for the same reason. Mr. Gazinski said that he would like to see the store and the building owner working together on issues that affect the community and the property values.*

*Ald. Westmoreland asked the witness what is the response that he gets when he complains about the garbage.*

*Mr. Gazinski said that employees say that they are not being paid enough to do that and that he understands the employees but that the store/corporation makes millions.*

*Ald. Burgelis asked the witness how long it took the store to remove the graffiti that he mentioned.*

*The witness said that it took 6 weeks despite the calls he made to DNS and the alderwoman's office.*

*Atty. Wroblewski asked the witness if he is willing to have direct communication with Mr. Hampton.*

*The witness said that he would love to because it is needed.*

*Linda Villa 3560 S Howell Av – said that she has been a resident for 30 years – she mentioned all the dates (over the last three years) when she sent emails to Ald.*

*Dimitrijevic's office regarding the garbage and poor maintenance. She added that she lives across the street as well and that she does not patronize the store due to the issues that she experiences as a neighbor. She mentioned that the photo on the website looks beautiful with trees at the front and is clearly a different location and that she would like to see it for real.*

*Ald. Dimitrijevic said that this license has been issued with warning letters and that the corporation has failed to comply with the plan of operations presented to committee year after year. She added that she struggles with the managers because they keep on changing at the point that she does not have a contact any more. She added that this store is improperly staffed, that she has asked for the manager's checklist in order to see how the store addresses the neighborhood complaints and that she has gotten nothing.*

*Atty. Wroblewski said that there was a conversation yesterday with Ald. Dimitrijevic's office and that there is a four point agreement that has been added to file. He added that the company is willing to work with the neighbors and alderwoman.*

*Ald. Dimitrijevic said that the store has a management problem and that the attorney has no idea of how many hours her office uses to "manage" a business that she is not*



responsible for and that none of the plans presented in the previous years have worked.

Mr. Hampton said that he is the new district manager, that he is at the location once/wk and that he really wants to get things in order after apologizing for the previous situations.

Ald. Burgelis asked if there is a plan for beautification to match the store featured on the website.

Mr. Hampton said that the conversation has started for this and other stores in the area.

Ald. Westmoreland said that we have spent a lot of time listening to the same promises over and over and that he is tired of it.

Ald. Spiker moved renewal with a 15 day suspension based upon the preponderance of the neighborhood, aldermanic and applicant testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the public for failure to comply with the approved plan of operations.

There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

01 COTTON, Brandon D, Agent for "B&N TOWING LLC", Recycling, Salvaging or Towing Vehicle License Application Requesting Collecting/Delivering Junk and Valuable Metal and Salvaged Motor Vehicle Parts (including secondhand tires/batteries) for "B&N TOWING LLC" at 3909 W GOOD HOPE Rd.

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Pratt moved to hold the application to the call of the chair upon first nonappearance. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

**HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

01 SIMMONS, Eric K, Agent for "CRV AUTO GROUP INC.", Secondhand Motor Vehicle Dealer's License Application for "CRV AUTO GROUP" at 5169 N 37TH St.

The applicant was not present.

Ald. Pratt moved to hold the application to the call of the chair upon first nonappearance. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)

**HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

01 EVANS, Angela J, Agent for "Michael Ray Gents Plus LLC", Class B Tavern and Public Entertainment Premises Licenses Renewal Application for "Gold Diggers Milw" at 4750 N HOPKINS St. (Expired 2/26/2025)

The applicant was present along with Michael Ray.

Mr. Ray says that they cooperate with the police every time that they come and that the decibels have been checked over the years.

Ald. Burgelis asked the applicant if the calls come from the same neighbor.

The applicant said that it is one neighbor who openly dislikes him.

*Sgt. Velasquez confirmed that the calls come from the same neighbor and she has been offered mediation and that she does not want it.*

*Individuals in objection:*

*Roshunda Cleveland – said that there are people sitting in the cars loitering and that when the police comes after she calls the nonemergency number, the establishment turns the volume down. She added that she has been dealing with the issues from this business for 10 years with people urinating outside, doing fireworks jeopardizing other's properties, with loud patrons, trash everywhere, people having sex outside and that this business disrespects the neighborhood with closing at 4am in a residential area.*

*Ald. Burgelis asked the witness how she knows that the people in the cars outside are patrons.*

*The witness said that she sees them coming in or out from the business.*

*Ald. Burgelis asked if the videos submitted are from the front of the bar.*

*The witness said that the videos are from her surveillance camera that faces the back of the establishment.*

*Mr. Ray asked the witness if he has reached out to her to share his contact information.*

*Ms. Cleveland said that he did.*

*Mr. Ray asked the witness if she has called him when there is an issue.*

*Ms. Cleveland did not provide a straight answer.*

*Ald. Pratt asked if Mr. Ray if he has security guards.*

*Mr. Ray said that he has security guards since he opens and that he checks ids for everyone.*

*Ald. Pratt said that after having a conversation with Ms. Cleveland, she and her husband went to check the location during business hours and found no issues.*

*Ald. Pratt asked Mr. Ray if he has been in communication with the neighbors.*

*Mr. Ray said that he is.*

*Ald. Zamarripa said that she had a chance to review some of the many videos submitted by the witness and that she did not see anything wrong.*

*Ald. Pratt said that she reviews the videos as she receives them and that she has not seen anything wrong.*

*Ald. Pratt asked Mr. Ray if he has information available about sex trafficking.*

*Mr. Ray said that there is information available in the woman's bathroom.*

*Ald. Pratt moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

*The meeting paused at 12:31 pm*

*The meeting reconvened at 12:56 pm*

# **AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

*13 PETERSON, Carol J, Agent for "THREE BLONDES, INC", Public Entertainment Premises License Transfer Application Adding Patrons Contest as Type of Entertainment for "MAVERICKS" at 2030 W HOWARD Av.*

*The applicant was not present.*

*There were no neighbors present to testify.*

*Ald. Spiker moved to hold the application to the call of the chair upon first nonappearance. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

# **HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

No 0

13 ARTIGA, Lisa MARIE, Agent for "FUTURO ARTIGA CO.", Tattoo and Body Piercing License Application for "WC TATTOOS AND PIERCINGS" at 3180 S 27TH St.

*The applicant was present and said that the item on the police report was when she was 21 year old and that she has taken the classes and got her license back. She mentioned that she has a shop in Bay View, that she is involved with the community and working against the bad connotations for tattoos.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Burgelis asked the applicant if she is a tattoo artist.*

*The applicant said that she is not but that she got a body-piercing license at the end of last year.*

*Ald. Zamarripa asked the applicant what is the connection with the previous owner.*

*The applicant said that Mr. Flores is currently employed at her Bay View location and that she took the body piercing apprenticeship with him.*

*Ald. Spiker asked Atty. Gresham what would be the outcome if the previous licensee wins the pending court case.*

*Atty. Gresham said that this license would be revoked if approved by the committee.*

*He added that there will be a conflict after the court makes the determination.*

*Ald. Spiker said that the applicant's experience dates from last October and that there were management issues at this location and that she hired Mr. Flores knowing that situation.*

*The applicant said that she looked at the case online and that she did not find any further details, that she is at her business everyday and manages the finances as well. She added that the reason why she hired Mr. Flores and some of his employees is due their combined experience and that she thinks that she has educated herself enough to make the business work.*

*Ald. Spiker asked what is the reason behind keeping the same DBA.*

*The applicant said that it is to save money with keeping the current sign.*

*Ald. Spiker asked the applicant if she is going to have access to the upper level where the search warrant happened.*

*The applicant said that she won't have access to the upper level, that she has a perfect visual control of the shop and that she could see if anything else is stored inside the shop.*

*Ald. Zamarripa said that she is concerned about the fact that the applicant employs the previous owner and is keeping the same DBA just to keep the sign.*

*The applicant said that there are no formal charges made yet, that it is her understating that Mr. Flores did not file the renewal on time and that she values his experience.*

*Ms. Lopez confirmed that the license was not renewed.*

*Ald. Pratt asked the applicant if she has a no weapons policy.*

*The applicant said that she does not have one.*

*The applicant said that she understands that she does not have an extensive experience but that her business has gotten very good google reviews and thinks that this would be good opportunity for her.*

*Ald. Spiker said that having two licenses at the same location would be a potential lawsuit and moved to hold the application to the call of the chair.*

*Ald. Burgelis asked why this application if front of the committee if they do not have any property rights.*

*Ald. Spiker moved to hold the application to the call of the chair. (Prevailed 3-1)*

**HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR**

**Aye** 3 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, and Spiker

**No** 1 - Burgelis

**Excused** 1 - Pratt

*15 SULTAN, Aftab, Agent for "Sultan Enterprises LLC", Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Renewal Application for "Lisbon BP" at 2624 W Lisbon Av. (Expired 1/31/2025)*

*The applicant appeared in person and Atty. Maistelman appeared virtually. Atty. Maistelman said that most of the calls on the police report were generated by the store, which shows that his client is cooperative. He added that the police report is extensive but that there was a neighborhood meeting last night with Ald. Stamper where an agreement was made and that his client signed it.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ald. Stamper thanked the residents who attended the lengthy meeting and said that the building owner, the applicant and MPD were present as well. He explained that the agreement is based only on the community needs and that it is a sort of a probationary period for the operator. He also thanked the applicant for understanding the struggle that the community has been through, he read the agreement and asked to make it part of the record.*

*Ald. Burgelis moved to withdraw the Extended Hours Establishment license application based on the Good Neighbor Agreement between the operator, Washington Park & Midtown Alliance Neighborhoods and Ald. Stamper. There were no objections.*

*Ms. Lopez stated that the new hours of operation for the gas station are 5am to 12am. The applicant acknowledged the new hours of operation.*

*Individuals in objection:*

*Megan Shepard Smith 1935 N 25th St – said that she wants to reiterate that this is the last chance for this business to get it right and that the possibility of getting support from neighbors on getting back the extended hours license could happen only after many years of a clean record.*

*Adrian Spencer – 2014 W McKinley Av – said that the intention is to hold this applicant accountable for what they have done to the community, that the applicant heard emotional testimonies last night and that it was clear that there is no negotiation with the extended hours application. She added that they want to bring businesses back in the area and that they need to get this plan right in order to bring more investments.*

*Mr. Smith 1935 N 25th St – said that the police report has more crimes than Mequon, WI and that the applicant signed the agreement at 11:59 pm after the neighbors almost walked out. He added that he would like to have this business closed down after looking at the police report but that he is willing to give the applicant a chance but he still thinks that the applicant does not care about the harm caused to the community. He also asked the applicant to call 911 at all times.*

*Ald. Stamper said that this business will continue operating only if the neighbors are on board and that is why there is a signed agreement. He recommended approval with a warning letter.*

*Ald. Burgelis moved approval with a warning letter of the Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

CRAWFORD, Niko J, Agent for "JC Home Improvement and Maintenance LLC", Home Improvement Contractor's License Renewal Application for "JC Home Improvement and Maintenance LLC". (Expires 3/23/2025)

*The applicant was present and said that he did not know that the ticket listed on the police report was part of the record.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Sgt. Velasquez confirmed that the fine was paid.*

*Ald. Pratt moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 4 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, and Pratt

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Burgelis

RAUSER, Mark A, Agent for "We Do It All Construction, LLC", Home Improvement Contractor's License Renewal Application for "We Do It All Construction, LLC". (Expired 2/28/2025)

*The applicant was not present.*

*Ald. Westmoreland moved to hold the application to the call of the chair upon first nonappearance. There were no objections. (Prevailed 4-0)*

**HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR**

**Aye** 4 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, and Pratt

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Burgelis

04 SINGH, Gursahib, Agent for "CONTINENTAL A 1 CORP", Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Renewal Application with Removing Stockholder and Transfer of Stock for "PANTRY 41 #12" at 1202 W HIGHLAND Av. (Expires 3/18/2025)

*The applicant was present along with Atty. Halbrooks, Mr. Walia (shareholder) and Ms Bennett (Security Guard Wisconsin Public Safety).*

*Atty. Halbrooks said that three incidents from the police report involve people coming back to the store and that is noted that they were cooperative and that they handled the situations the best they could. He added that two items involved security guards. He added that the actual PA33 for item 2 indicates that the security guard was not the person who pointed out the gun to the patron. He explained that what happened was that the customer realized that he had a gun on him, went to put it back in his car and returned to the store to buy cigarettes and that when he went back to his car, he was pointed with the gun but that it was not his client's security guard. As for item 4, Atty. Halbrooks said that there was a suspicious person on the parking lot, that the security guard went to check on him, that they exchanged words and started the altercation. He said that this security guard is the same cited on the other item and that he is no longer employed.*

*Atty. Halbrooks said that this business takes +500 customers daily, that he is aware of the objection on file with photographs and that he will be providing photographs taken this morning as well. He added that the objection was added after the previous hearing and that he does not think that the items on the police report and the objection are sufficient to take away their property rights for the extended hours license.*

*The pictures were passed on.*

*Individuals in objection:*

*Gary Krasniansky – (Facilities Manager - Prairie Apartments 1218 W Highland Av) - said that there is an unusual activity at the gas station with people gathering at the gas station and that they have problems with people trying to get into the apartment building. He added that all the appliances from a Home Depot truck were stolen while doing a delivery there (parked in front of the building) and that no one from the gas station, neither the security saw anything neither were helpful with the investigation. Ald, Bauman asked Mr. Krasniansky if he has observed this loitering behavior himself. Mr. Krasniansky said that he has in many occasions since 2019.*

*Ald. Bauman asked him about how many times he has seen that behavior in the last year.*

*Mr. Krasniansky said that more than 5 times. He added that they have vendors refusing to service this building because of the gathering at the gas station.*

*Atty. Halbrooks asked Mr. Krasniansky to give a definition of “we” and loitering.*

*Mr. Krasniansky said that when he says “we” he is talking about the management team at the apartment building next door, that with loitering he means people gathering at the gas station parking lot surface, that there is an unusual pedestrian traffic from the gas station to the apartment’s building front door and vice versa.*

*Individuals in support:*

*Kenisse Minifield – Case Manager at the GUEST House and works at 1218 W Highland Av – said that he has no objection with the gas station and that he had a meeting with the applicant and other people to come up with a plan to communicate better.*

*Individuals in objection:*

*Amy Turim – 233 N 74th St - said that her comments do not represent any organization but that there is an objection on file from her when she was working for the City on mitigation strategies for the failure of Hartland Housing (previous use of the next door building) and the Guest House to support residents in the building. She added that she was aware of the Home Depot truck incident and other incidents that took investors away from taking over the apartment building because of the difficulties with the gas station. She added that things got at the point that bullets from the gas station came thru one window of the apartment building. She also explained that she talked twice to the Guest Executive Director over the last two days asking him to be present at this hearing, that he was here but that he had to leave due a family situation. She added that he is texting her right now saying that he is concerned about the safety of his staff at this building and that he is concerned about Mr. Minifield’s testimony.*

*Ald. Bauman asked Ms. Turim if she is testifying that Mr. Minifield’s testimony does not represent the position of the Guest House.*

*Ms. Turim said that it is correct.*

*Ms. Turim clarified that she is testifying about the chaos at the gas station which took investors away from the project that she was working on at 1218 W Highland Av.*

*Susan Kissinger – (1218 W Highland Blvd/Property Owner) said that she also managed the building while it was on receivership. She said that they have had nothing but trouble from the gas station with loitering, garbage, and suspicious people coming in/out not buying anything. She added that the gas station is not working with them and the community, that they do not provide footage for investigations, etc. She added that employees have told her that they are offered marijuana from employees that work at the gas station. She also said that the applicant turns a blind eye with any request that they make to him.*

*Savannah Brooks (801 N 27th St – Safety Outreach Manager Near Westside Partners) – said that they have worked with Mr. Walia before but that the relationship is struggling right now because Mr. Walia is not cooperating with any of the invitations (by*

phone, text and email) that she has made to him about the work needed on the exterior, interior and other issues. She added that they get to hear from Mr. Walia a week or two prior the hearings, that he has shared some photos about the exterior of the building but that it is only one part of the problem. She added that the loitering is an ongoing issue that herself and her staff have observed at any given time. She explained that the mobile drug dealing is something that she and her ambassadors have witnessed and that they oppose to this license until Mr. Walia works with the community.

Ald. Bauman asked Ms. Brooks if she has seen the illegal drugs transactions.

Ms. Brooks said that she has.

Atty. Halbrooks asked Ms. Brooks how she has observed the illegal drug activity.

Ms. Brooks said that she comes at the location in a vehicle with two or three co-workers, that they park the vehicle and before they make it to the front door, they are greeted with people offering them drugs.

Ald. Bauman said that this has been a problem since the gas station was built, with the original owner (Mr. Walia) and this new agent and there is no progress. He added that the testimony is basis for nonrenewal but that we have direct eyewitness testimony about the illegal drug activity and that with items 3 and 5 on the police report taking place during the extended hours license, are enough reasons not to renew the extended hours license.

Mr. Walia said that he never seen the people who testified here today, that he met with different people that work next door and with Mr. Minifield and that he was told that there were no issues with his business. He added that he is very surprised with the drug activity. He also said that he has asked Ms. Brooks to send the invites to him and his manager because the manager is there all the time. He added that his property is not part of the Near Westside Partners Association but that he takes its feedback because he likes to do better. He asked for some time to work with Ald. Bauman and the community.

Ald. Zamarripa noted that the applicant/agent is Mr. Singh and asked him if he has something to say.

Mr. Walia said that Mr. Singh's English is not good.

Ald. Burgelis asked Mr. Walia if he would give MPD remote access to the surveillance system.

The applicant said that he would and that he would upgrade the system if necessary.

Ald. Burgelis asked how many daily clean-ups are conducted around the premises.

Mr. Walia said that after the meeting with the Near Westside Partners on February 27, he is doing better with the clean ups, that are done twice/day and that he is willing to amend the application.

Ald. Burgelis asked the security guard if she is a law enforcement police officer.

Ms. Bennett said that she is not.

Ald. Burgelis asked why she has police badge on the front and side of the jacket.

Miguel Diaz – Owner of the Police Wisconsin Public Safety LLC – said that it is just a logo but that if he is asked to change it, he will change it.

Mr. Singh (agent's son) said that they try to clean up twice (am and pm) and that they have seen people throwing bags from their vehicles and that people talk back when they are asked to throw the garbage inside the cans. He added that they try their best with moving people away but that sometimes people take their time to leave or told that they will call police on them.

Ald. Zamarripa said that she understands the frustration but that is why they have security guards and that the loitering issue must be addressed no matter what. She added that they must call the police even if they do not show up immediately. She added that they have attorneys available to file restriction orders for those who loiter constantly over there.

Atty. Halbrooks said that the given the amount of people who patronizes this

*business, two incidents are not enough to take Ald. Bauman's recommendations into consideration and that the police report shows cooperation from his client and that the photos taken this morning support his client's commitment.*

*Ald. Zamarripa passed the gable in order to make a motion.*

*Ald. Burgelis moved to amend the application to conduct clean-ups twice/day and to grant fusion access to MPD. There were no objections.*

*Ald. Zamarripa moved nonrenewal of the Extended Hours Establishments license upon the preponderance of the evidence on the police report, neighborhood, aldermanic and applicant testimony that demonstrates the operation results in a threat to health, safety, or welfare of the public for the excessive loitering and illegal drug activity.  
(Prevailed 4-1)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 4 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 1 - Spiker

*04 SINGH, Gursahib, Agent for "CONTINENTAL A 1 CORP", Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Renewal Application with Removing Stockholder and Transfer of Stock for "PANTRY 41 #12" at 1202 W HIGHLAND Av. (Expires 3/18/2025)*

*Ald. Zamarripa moved approval of the Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures licenses with Removing Stockholder and Transfer of Stock as amended.  
There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

*06 GIBSON, Latifah L, Class A Fermented Malt License Application for "Tip Sweets" at 3293 N 14TH St.*

*The applicant was present.*

*The police report was read.*

*Individuals also present:*

*Ms. Lopez said that they received a letter from the parole officer that says that the license would be in violation of the applicant's parole.*

*The applicant said she was not aware.*

*Ms. Lopez read the letter for the record which was received after the notice was mailed out.*

*There were no neighbors present to testify.*

*Ald. Burgelis asked the applicant if she discussed her business plan with her parole officer.*

*The applicant answered "no".*

*Ald. Coggs said that the instruction from the DOC is very clear and that she was here to object to this application based upon concentration.*

*The applicant expressed that she would like to withdraw the application.*

*Ald. Coggs said that she would like to deny this application based on concentration or per the DOC's recommendation.*

*Ald. Burgelis asked if a neighborhood meeting was held.*

*Ald. Coggs said that there was none.*

*Ald. Pratt moved denial based upon the communication from the DOR. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**AMENDED**



**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

*Agenda Only*

04 RAGASIS, Chris A, Agent for "WIZARD WORKS BREWING COMPANY", Public Entertainment Premises, Food Dealer and Sidewalk Dining License Renewal Application with Change of Hours From Closing 8PM To Close 10PM on Sun for "Wizard Works Brewing Company" at 231 E BUFFALO St.

04 WIEGAND, Richard A, Agent for "AMBASSADOR ENTERPRISE, LLC", Class B Tavern License Renewal Application with Change of Trade Name for "Ramada By Wyndham" at 2301 W WISCONSIN Av.

11 MCNAMER, Jessica D, Agent for "AMF BOWLING CENTERS, INC", Class B Tavern, Public Entertainment Premises and Food Dealer Licenses Renewal Application with Change of Hours From Opening 4PM To Open 12PM on Fri for "AMF WEST LANES" at 7505 W OKLAHOMA Av.

*Ald. Westmoreland moved approval of the "Agenda Only" items. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

*Warning Letter*

01 SINGH, Gurdev, Agent for "V K Petroleum Inc", Extended Hours Establishments, Filling Station, Food Dealer and Weights & Measures Licenses Renewal Application for "Villard Food Mart" at 2908 W Villard Av.

*Ald. Burgelis moved approval. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**AMENDED**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

*Ald. Pratt moved approval of the File 241706 as amended. There were no objections. (Prevailed 5-0)*

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**

**Aye** 5 - Zamarripa, Westmoreland, Spiker, Pratt, and Burgelis

**No** 0

*The meeting adjourned at 3:36 pm*

Yadira Melendez  
Staff Assistant

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